

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A non-iterative technique for calculating the remainder of modulo division, which requires significantly fewer operations than the traditional iterative technique for the same calculation. The number of calculations requires in the present invention is independent of the number of bits of the divisor in the modulo operation. Two requirements of the non-iterative technique are that the value of the divisor D should be equal to  $2^n$ -1 (where n is the number of bits of the divisor D) and the value of the dividend N should be less than or equal to  $(D-1)^2$ , but great than or equal to zero. If these two conditions are met, the remainder R of M mod D is determined by summing the upper  $\frac{n}{2}$  and lower  $\frac{n}{2}$  bits of the dividend N.

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